Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (canceled).

21. (currently amended) A distributed-information management method for distributing information to a plurality of mobile terminals from an information distribution server via a network, at least one of the mobile terminals including a memory for storing a waiting program that receives the information distributed from the information distribution server and displays that distributed information on a waiting screen of the at least one mobile terminal and application programs that realizesrealize at least an email function and a phone function and a processing device that executes said programs, the distributed-information management method comprising:

monitoring, in the at least one mobile terminal, an operation situation based on execution of said application programs with the processing device; and

_____detecting arrival of a timing for distributing information when said by generation of the operation situation that satisfies a predetermined reference and starting execution of the waiting program with the processing device criteria for the

~~operation situation under execution of the waiting program with the processing~~

~~device~~;

transmitting, to the information distribution server, a request for distributing the

information based on preset contents of the distributed information under the control

of the processing device in accordance with execution of said waiting program ~~stored~~

~~in the mobile terminal~~;

receiving the information distributed from the information distribution server in

response to the request for distributing the information at the <u>at least one</u> mobile

terminal; and,

outputting the received information to an interface for outputting the

information under the control of the processing device in accordance with execution

of the waiting program~~;~~

~~wherein the processing device starts execution of the waiting program that is~~

~~stored in the memory and controls the waiting screen upon detecting the arrival of~~

~~the timing for distributing the information in accordance with execution of the waiting~~

~~program;~~

~~wherein the processing device transmits the request for distributing the~~

~~information in accordance with execution of the waiting program; and~~

~~wherein the processing device outputs the distributed information to the~~

~~waiting screen as the output interface for outputting the distributed information in~~

~~accordance with execution of the waiting program~~.

22. (canceled).

23. (currently amended) The distributed-information management method according to Claim [[22]]21, wherein the processing device monitors, as the operation situation, the presence or absence of calls, the amount of traffic, and the amount of various processed data using the at least one mobile terminal in accordance with execution of the waiting program with the processing device.

24. (previously presented) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein the processing device detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information on the basis of reception from the information distribution server in accordance with execution of the waiting program with the processing device.

25. (currently amended) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein an operating system, said application programs, said waiting program, and athe priority between said waiting program and said application programs are stored in the memory with the at least one mobile terminal, and

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processing of said waiting program or said application programs is executed

with the processing device in accordance with the priority thereof under the operating

system.

26. (previously presented) The distributed-information management method

according to Claim 21, wherein the processing under execution of said waiting

program is interrupted and said application program is started, upon detecting a

request for processing said application program during execution of said waiting

program with the processing device.

27. (canceled).

28. (currently amended) The distributed-information management method

according to Claim 21, wherein the request for distributing the information has a user

ID for identifying a user of the at least one mobile terminal.

29. (currently amended) The distributed-information management method

according to claim [[20]]21, wherein the processing device receives a request for

changing an output form of the output information in accordance with execution of

said waiting program via an input interface of the at least one mobile terminal, and

the processing device changes an output form of the distributed information in

response to the request for distributing the information in accordance with execution

of said waiting program, and outputs the changed output to an output interface of the

at least one mobile terminal.

30.   (currently amended) A mobile terminal ~~apparatus~~ for receiving

information distributed from an information distribution server via a network,

comprising a memory for storing a waiting program that receives the information

distributed from the information distribution server and displays the distributed

information on a waiting screen of the mobile terminal and application programs that

~~realizes~~realize at least an email function and a phone function and a processing

device that executes said programs, wherein:

~~wherein~~ an operation situation based on execution of said application

programs with the processing device is monitored in the mobile terminal~~and~~;

_____ ~~detecting~~ an arrival of a timing for distributing information is detected when by

~~generation of~~ the operation situation ~~that~~ satisfies a predetermined ~~criteria~~reference

and the waiting program is executed ~~for the operation situation under execution of~~

~~the waiting program~~ with the processing device;

a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the

distributed information is transmitted to the information distribution server under the

control of the processing device in accordance with execution of said waiting

program,

the information distributed from the information distribution server is received

in response to the request for distributing the information,

the received information is output to an interface for outputting the information

under the control of the processing device in accordance with execution of said

waiting program.,[[,]]

~~the processing device starts the waiting program that is stored in the memory~~

~~controls the waiting screen upon detecting the arrival of the timing for distributing the~~

~~information in accordance with execution of the waiting program,~~

~~the processing device transmits the request for distributing the information in~~

~~accordance with execution of the waiting program, and~~

~~the processing device outputs the distributed information to a waiting screen~~

~~as the output interface for outputting the distributed information in accordance with~~

~~execution of the waiting program.~~

31. (canceled).

32. (previously presented) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim

30, wherein the processing device monitors, as the operation situation, the presence

or absence of calls, the amount of traffic, and the amount of various processed data

using the mobile terminal in accordance with execution of the waiting program with

the processing device.

33. (previously presented) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim

30, wherein the processing device detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the

information on the basis of reception from the information distribution server in

accordance with execution of the waiting program.

34. (currently amended) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim

30, wherein an operating system, said application programs, said waiting program,

and the priority between said waiting program and the application programs are

stored in the memory, and

processing of said waiting program or said application programs is executed

in-with the processing device in accordance with the priority thereof under the

operating system.

35. (previously presented) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim

30, wherein the processing under execution of said waiting program is interrupted

and said application program is started, upon detecting a request for executing said

application program during execution of said waiting program.

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36. (canceled).

37. (previously presented) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the request for distributing the information having a user ID for identifying a user of the mobile terminal is transmitted.

38. (previously presented) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the processing device receives a request for changing an output form of the output information in accordance with execution of said waiting program via an input interface, and

the processing device changes an output form of the distributed information in response to the request for distributing the information in accordance with execution of said waiting program, and outputs the changed output to an output interface.

39. (new) A distributed-information management method for distributing information to a plurality of mobile terminals from an information distribution server via a network, at least one of the mobile terminals including a memory for storing a waiting program that receives the information distributed from the information distribution server and displays that distributed information on a waiting screen of the mobile terminal, the at least one mobile terminal also including application programs that realize at least an email function and a phone function and a processing device

that executes said programs, the distributed-information management method

comprising:

      monitoring, in the mobile terminal, an operation situation based on execution

of said application programs with the processing device;

      when said monitored operation situation satisfies a predetermined reference,

detecting arrival of a timing for distributing information from the information

distribution server to the mobile terminal;

      upon detecting of said timing for distributing information, transmitting, to the

information distribution server, a request for distributing the information based on

preset contents of the distributed information under the control of the processing

device in accordance with execution of said waiting program;

      receiving, at the mobile terminal, the information distributed from the

information distribution server in response to the request for distributing the

information; and,

      outputting the received information to an interface for outputting the

information under the control of the processing device in accordance with execution

of the waiting program.